

Mr. Sabol was born in McKees Rocks, Pennsylvania, the son of Slovak immigrants. Growing up he was instilled with the values of family, hard work, the Catholic faith, and pride in his heritage. Following high school, he enlisted in the United States Coast Guard and served our nation from 1952 to 1955. During the Korean War, Mr. Sabol was stationed in Japan and served as a damage control man on the Coast Guard Carrier *Winnebago*. He was awarded the United Nations Service Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, and the Korean Service Medal.

Mr. Sabol came to Cleveland, Ohio, for a wedding and there he met the woman who would become his wife, Agnes Fertal. John and Agnes had an instant connection as both their families hailed from the same region in Slovakia. He soon moved to Cleveland and began work at the General Motors Chevy Plant in Parma, where he worked for 30 years, retiring in 1985. He married Agnes at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church in Cleveland, on September 29, 1956. Mr. and Mrs. Sabol celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary surrounded by family and friends, in 2006. Together, Mr. and Mrs. Sabol raised three children: Jeanne, Jack (wife Tracy) and Judy.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor and remembrance of John Thomas Sabol. I extend my condolences to the family and friends of Mr. Sabol; through them his memories and spirit will live on.

RECOGNIZING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE COLLINSVILLE, ILLINOIS, ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 15, 2010

Mr. SHIMKUS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the 100th Anniversary of the Collinsville, Illinois, Order of the Eastern Star, Chapter 666. A celebration of this occasion will be held on September 26, 2010, at the Masonic Temple in Collinsville.

The organization was chartered on October 6, 1910, by Worthy Matron Lucy M. Holding and Worthy Patron R. Guy Kneeder. The organization still meets today in the Masonic Temple in Collinsville. The current Worthy Matron is Betty Ruhmann and the Worthy Patron is Jack Kime.

I congratulate the Collinsville Order of the Eastern Star on this special occasion and extend my best wishes for an enjoyable celebration.

COMMEMORATING SEPTEMBER 11

SPEECH OF

HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 14, 2010

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to support H. Res. 1600 which expresses the sense of the House of Representatives regarding the terrorist attacks launched against the United States on September 11,

2001. I congratulate Majority Leader HOYER and Minority Leader BOEHNER for their efforts on this important resolution.

The events of September 11, 2001 were a national tragedy. Over 3,000 innocent Americans died that day at the hands of international terrorists. In New York City, Washington, DC, and a field in Pennsylvania, Americans were directly confronted with acts of aggression on a scale and scope that our nation had never before seen. Our national consciousness was forever changed on that day as we all remember the losses we suffered and the horrific images of that day.

On the ninth anniversary of those events we must reflect and remember the victims and heroes of that tragic morning. I hope everyone takes some time to remember the nearly 3,000 American lives that were cut short that day and salute the firefighters, first responders and rescue workers who sacrificed their lives saving others.

For the victims, heroes and their families, let us never forget this fateful day, and let us refocus ourselves on what makes America unique and special in the world of nations—liberty and diversity, equality and the rule of law.

I urge my colleagues to join me in support of this resolution.

HONORING JERRY VENTURI

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 15, 2010

Mr. RADANOVICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge and honor the life of Jerry Venturi, who is receiving the 2010 Lifetime Achievement Award. Jerry lived a long and distinguished life, adhering to extremely high standards of quality and integrity.

Jerry Venturi passed away in 2008 at age 67 after a struggle with cancer. However, his legacy lives on in his Madera community. Jerry was a remarkable musician from his youth, a performer, a band leader, a music business owner, and a mentor for countless Madera musicians.

Jerry was well connected within his community. He was a faithful participant in St. Joachim Catholic Church and a first degree member of the Knights of Columbus, a fraternal Catholic service organization. In addition, Jerry and his band performed every year in the Madera County Arts Council "Concert in the Park," where he assisted other performers set up their sound systems.

Jerry's musical legacy extended to all of the students that entered his mentorship through his store, performance and service. It is clear that Jerry's memory will continue to inspire music and community service for generations to come. Madam Speaker, please join me in commending Jerry Venturi for a life well-lived.

HONORING MR. RAWLEIGH "MIKE" THOMPSON

HON. RODNEY ALEXANDER

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 15, 2010

Mr. ALEXANDER. Madam Speaker, it is with great pride and pleasure that I rise today

to commemorate Mr. Rawleigh "Mike" Thompson on the occasion of his 90th birthday.

On September 12, 1920, Mr. Thompson was born in Hineston, Louisiana. He is the only son of four siblings.

Oakhill High School recognizes Mr. Thompson as the first person to receive a diploma from their school and he proudly cites his position as Valedictorian. To attain this achievement, he overcame many obstacles, one of which was to walk and ride two different buses totaling 46 miles round trip each school day.

Mr. Thompson married Bessie Lee Jones and they were blessed with seven children. Further blessings now include nine grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

He joined the U.S. Army in 1942 serving in World War II. Upon his departure from the military he worked at a sawmill and then began his career at the VA Medical Center in Pineville, Louisiana. Mr. Thompson was employed at the VA for 29 years and remarkably never missed a day of work.

As his family and friends prepare to join together to honor Mr. Thompson, he continues to exemplify a strong character of dedication, compassion and devotion.

I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Mr. Thompson on this truly significant birthday.

TRIBUTE TO JOHN MILES

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 15, 2010

Mr. LATHAM. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize John Miles, a Korean War Army Veteran from Boone County, Iowa, and to express my appreciation for his dedication and commitment to his country.

The Boone News Republican is currently running a series of articles that honors one Boone County veteran every Tuesday from Memorial Day to Veterans Day. John Miles was recognized on Tuesday, June 15. Below is the article in its entirety:

[From The Boone News Republican, June 15, 2010]

BOONE COUNTY VETERANS: JOHN MILES
(By Alexander Hutchins)

"That was a cold place over there. Cold, cold, cold," John Miles, 82, said of his time in the Korean War.

Miles has lived in Boone his entire life and worked for 36 years as a railroad dispatcher. He graduated from Boone High School and the local junior college, and a history of participating in warfare was in his family. Miles had four older brothers, each of whom served in World War II and returned home safely. Miles joined the Army in 1950, and returned from the Korean War with a Purple Heart and a Bronze Star to eventually married and have two sons.

"The Miles" lucked out," he joked.

When Miles enlisted in 1950, he was trained at Fort Leonardwood, in Missouri, and was assigned to the 40th division of the 160th infantry. He became a combat medic, and routinely entered the field to tend to wounded soldiers while under fire.

"The Chinese could put artillery shells in your back pocket," Miles said. No matter the enemy resistance Miles tended to the wounded, and resistance varied greatly from day to day. "When you're a medic, you go no